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5 hot tips to get that clean and glossy look for your pet!

Make grooming a bonding time!

Choose the right shampoo and conditioner

Stop those fleas in their tracks

Balance up the diet with Omega 3 and 6 fatty acids

Seek professional help fast if a problem develops

Vote for Clair or Charlie!!

How to get your pet's coat looking great!

There's nothing like a shiny, clean coat and healthy skin to make your pet look great. On the other hand, skin and coat care is one of the biggest areas of concern for owners and vets alike. Here's 5 tips for a great look!

Tip 1: Regular grooming for that beautiful glossy look

Both dogs and cats shed hair all the time. When their ancestors lived in the wild, they shed hair twice a year; a new warm coat for winter and a shorter cooler coat for summer. Artificial lighting, heating and cooling have messed up with that natural pattern, and now pets often shed all year round.

When cats and long-haired dogs shed hair, the hair shafts stay lined up alongside the attached hair and give a dull, coarse look.

To complicate matters, the older shed hair gets matted, making grooming harder and uncomfortable for the pet.

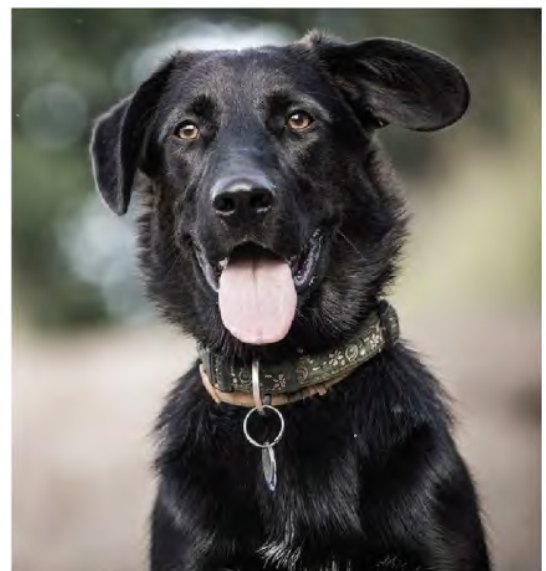
Regularly groom your pet to remove all the dead hair. Start when they are puppies and kittens, making it part of the stroking sequence, using a soothing voice so that they quickly get to enjoy it. Finish off with a food reward.

Rather than a dreaded task, it can be a bonding moment!

We do understand that pet's coats get out of hand, especially with fractious cats or long-haired dogs, and our expert groomers at Devoted Vets take great pride in renovating a dull coat - and the pets love it!

Tip 2: Shampoos and conditioners for luster and shine!

Thick coats attract dust and dirt, and of course both cats and dogs enjoy a good old-fashioned roll in something we'd rather not mention.



In addition, shorter coated dogs like pointers and Jack Russell's have lots of natural oils to water-proof their coat, but oils build up, attracting more dirt and smelling.

A regular shampoo will turn your dull mutt into a glossy show dog! We use Dermcare Natural Shampoo made from cleansing salts of coconut oil with natural moisturisers and of course, no soap!

For dogs with sensitive skin we use the Paw Duo Pack. Part one is Mediderm, a low-irritant shampoo for excess oils, and yeast or staph infections and the itch they cause.

Part two is Nutriderm, a replenishing conditioner with oatmeal and cerumides that both soothes and moisturises. It's especially designed for dogs and cats with normal, dry or itchy skin, and has a naturally fresh scent with no artificial fragrances.

Our devoted nurses will help you choose the best shampoos and conditioners for your pet!



Tip 3: Zap those creepy crawlies!

Fleas are the most common skin parasite of both dogs and cats, and some pets suffer from a skin disease called Flea Allergy Dermatitis. Just one flea bite can cause severe itching, skin inflammation and hair loss especially over the back above the tail.

Treatment consists of cortisone to reduce the inflammation and itch, and of course flea control.

Prevention is of course better than cure, and for flea control we recommend the new Nexgard oral treat in dogs, and Frontline Plus in cats.

Tip 4: Boost with Omega 3s and 6s!

Omega fatty acids nourish skin cells and hair follicles to rejuvenate the skin. They promote a healthy skin and a luxurious coat. They can also help with allergic and inflammatory skin conditions!

We recommend the Hill's Science Diet VetEssentials as the best all round dry food for both dogs and cats, and it's balanced up with Omega 3 and 6 for skin and coat health. (It's loaded with other benefits too, so do have a chat to us about it!)

Alternatively, the liquid supplement Dermega can be added to any dog or cat diet to make sure they are getting those essential fatty acids.

Tip 5: Problem? Take action! Fast!

If you notice anything wrong with your pet's skin or coat, book in for a consultation at Devoted Vets. Early treatment prevents chronic skin changes that are so much harder to fix; prompt treatment has the best success rate when dealing with skin disease.

Vote for Clair or Charlie to make them Clinic Cat of the Year!

Dermcare - the maker of skin care products for dogs and cats have started a "Clinic Cat of the Year" competition and we've entered our two girls, Clair and Charlie. So have some fun and please vote for our girls! Go to www.dermcare.com.au to place your vote.



Charlie says "Vote for me because I'm so friendly to everyone, I lick farmers, and I wag my tail when I'm pleased."

Clair says, "Vote me, me, me! You know what a princess I am!!!!"



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